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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 620.472, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to job training.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 620.472, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 620.472, to read as follows:

620.472. 1. The department shall establish a new or expanding industry
2 training program, the purpose of which is to provide assistance for new or
3 expanding industries for the training, retraining or upgrading of the skills of
4 potential employees. **Training may include preemployment training, and
5 services may include analysis of the specified training needs for such
6 company, development of training plans, and provision of training
7 through qualified training staff. Such program may fund in-plant
8 training analysis, curriculum development, assessment and preselection
9 tools, publicity for the program, instructional services, rental of
10 instructional facilities with necessary utilities, access to equipment and
11 supplies, other necessary services, overall program direction, and an
12 adequate staff to carry out an effective training program. In addition,
13 the program may fund a coordinated transportation program for
14 trainings if the training can be more effectively provided outside the
15 community where the jobs are to be located. In-plant training analysis
16 shall include fees for professionals and necessary travel and
17 expenses.** Such program may also provide assistance in the locating of skilled
18 employees and in the locating of additional sources of job training funds. Such
19 program shall be operated with appropriations made by the general assembly
20 from the fund.

21 2. Assistance under the new or expanding industry training program may
22 be available only for industries whose investments relate directly to a projected
23 increase in employment which will result in the need for training of newly hired
24 employees or the retraining or upgrading of the skills of existing employees for
25 new jobs created by the new or expanding industry's investment.

26 3. The department shall issue rules and regulations governing the
27 awarding of funds administered through the new or expanding industry training
28 program. When promulgating these rules and regulations, the department shall
29 consider such factors as the potential number of new permanent jobs to be
30 created, the amount of private sector investment in new facilities and equipment,
31 the significance of state funding to the industry's decision to locate or expand in
32 Missouri, the economic need of the affected community, and the importance of the
33 industry to the economic development of Missouri.

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